

The Tax Assessment.

The question of tax assessing still continues to agitate the minds of our people, and some, through ignorance of the law, or with an earnest desire to better the reputation of the last Legislature, are laying the blame for the excessive taxes being levied in some townships in the county, at its door. As we understand it, the law, which has been on the statute books of North Carolina, absolutely unchanged, since 1880, only contemplates the equalization of taxes, and to see that each dollar, as far as possible, be made to bear its proportionate part of the burden, let the rate be what it may. If the law is odious to the Republicans, why was it not changed by the Russell administration in North Carolina, when the Republican party had full control in the State? As we understand it there was no effort made by that administration to change the law relative to taxes in any way. And again, the twelve township assessors in Watauga are Republicans of the strictest type, and the county commissioners, who with the county assessor, (the only Democrat in the crowd) constitute the county board of equalization, are equally strong in the Republican faith, and if there has been or will be an injustice perpetrated upon the people of Watauga it will be done at the hands of the party that has the assessment in charge. That the taxes in our county need, and have needed, equalization, goes without argument, but it seems, in some of the townships, at least, that is not the end in view by the assessors. For instance, a young man in this township purchased a tract of land for \$1,400, and a little later sold off \$200 worth, and yet the property is assessed for taxes at the original purchase price, \$1,400, regardless of the fact that the owner is unable to sell the land for the amount it is assessed. Here is another case in the same section of the township. The owner of a fine grass farm refused, within the past two weeks, \$10,000 for his lands, and yet the entire property is only listed at \$3,500. And still another, instance, out of scores that might be named. A farmer on New River whose sheep were listed at \$4.00 per head, is anxious, willing and waiting to sell the entire flock at \$3.00 per head, when the majority of the sheep in the county are going on the lists at only \$2.00. Now this is equalization with a vengeance, don't you think? If the man's property who owns the \$1,400 tract of land, had been taken for the maximum and all other realty in the county brought up to it, old Watauga would pass from under the detestable ban of "pauper county" with an abundance left in the treasury for all expenses, county, school, etc.

Edward F. Croker, former chief of the New York fire department has quit after 27 years, because of what he saw in that terrible shirt waist factory fire. He says he found terrible neglect on the part of the employer to protect the life of the employees and that they are too much after the almighty dollar. Certainly those who are compelled to work in sweat shops should have the same protection that is thrown around the more favored ones who frequent the different places of amusement, to say the least.

FOR SALE.

Two large pigs, highly bred, descendants of thoroughbred hogs, registered in the American Sows Association, for sale.

Four of the old soldiers died at Little Rock from heat and fatigue, one of them was J. B. Duckett from Asheville, N. C. The dear old boys who wore the gray are going one by one. The ranks grow thinner year by year and some day the last one shall have crossed the mystic river.

God grant that on Heaven's bright shores, not one shall be missing, when the roll is called. The next reunion of Confederate Veterans will be held at Macon, Ga. Gen. George W. Gordon was a re-elected Commander-in-chief.

The State of North Carolina through Governor William W. Kitchen has received the cane of President Andrew Johnson, to be placed in the hall of history in the State museum. The donor was Mrs. Bessie Rumborough Safford, whose first husband was Andrew Johnson, Jr. and a son of the President. The cane is of dark wood and it has a gold head upon which is engraved "A portion of the old ship Constitution," and "Presented to Andrew Johnson, President of the United States the Restorer of the Constitution, by James Tyon, August 1866."

From the Charlotte Observer of the 21st we learn of the death in Charlotte Saturday night of Col R. M. Staley of Wilkesboro. Col Staley was traveling for the Oak Furniture Co. of Wilkesboro and was on Independence square when stricken with apoplexy from which he died in a very short while. Captain Staley leaves a wife and two grown daughters. His body was shipped to Wilkesboro where it was interred.

Ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock has at last fully decided to enter the contest for the United States Senate to succeed the incumbent, Hon. F. M. Simmons. Mr. Aycock says that he will make his platform in line with the Democracy of the State and nation, but that he has neither money nor time with which to make a campaign. With Simmons, Kitchin, Aycock and Clark in the field, the contest promises to be a lively one.

Hon. A. Cannon, of the State Board of Agriculture, has just completed an inspection of the State's five test farms. He stated that there was enough potash in the soil of North Carolina to last for 400 years; that there is from two and a half to four per cent. in the soil in the western part of the State and that the farmers do not need to buy fertilizers containing potash. He stated that the state farms were in good condition.

Mr. Roy L. Deal son of Mr. W. D. Deal and grandson of the late Hon. R. Z. Linney, of Taylorsville, has been chosen to deliver the valedictory address at Washington and Lee University. This is indeed a high compliment to the young man, as this is his first year and this honor has usually been given to those who have been there for four years.

The Mt. Airy News says in reporting a hail storm in a portion of Surry County on the 18th: "At the Cloverland Orchards all the fruit was beaten off and most of the leaves knocked from the trees. Parties from that section say that the hail was six inches deep on the ground and that it was the most destructive storm that has ever visited that section."

The eastern half of the Central Highway has been mapped by Dr. Pratt, State Geologist who recommends that the route be from Morehead City to Newbern, Kinston, LaGrange, Goldsboro, Smithfield, Clayton, Auburn to Raleigh.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Mr. Jacob N. Harshaw of Collettsville a son of Mr. Moses N. Harshaw of Lenoir, who was taken last week to Dr. Long's Sanatorium in Statesville for treatment for pneumonia and pleurisy died Monday and his body was taken to his home and buried.

Mr. Adlai Holt Dixon, a first year student in the A. & M. College, was found dead in bed the morning of the morning of the 20th inst. The young man had expired during the night from heart failure. He was from Haw River and was a very popular young man.

Following an illness of some months duration, Thomas O. Connor, New Orleans Fire Department chief suicided Saturday by firing a bullet into his brain. He was 72 years old and for 40 years had been chief of the fire department in that city.

The General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church with every state south of the Potomac and Ohio rivers represented convened last Thursday in Louisville, Ky. and will continue until the 26th.

The hamlet of Faith, Rowan county for some time has claimed nine sets of twins, now she comes forth and swears that triplets were recently born with in her borders. One thing is certain, the good folks there are opposed to "race suicide."

Leaving Charleston on Sunday June 4th, the members of South Carolina's Press Association will make a trip to New York on board the Steamer, Huron. The Association will meet next Tuesday the 30th.

Six negroes were lynched near Lake City, Fla. on last Sunday Morning. They were being held on the charge of murdering B. B. Smith, a saw mill man, and wounding a man named Register on the 12th, inst.

Robert Glasbrooks, a young man whose home is in Caldwell county, was arrested in Newport News Va., and brought to Lenoir jail. He is charged with burning the post office at Granite Falls.

The contract will be awarded soon for draining Mattamuskeet Lake bought some time ago from the state by the Southern Land Reclamation Company. The drainage plant will cost \$399,000.

The Methodist Episcopal church will contribute a large fund for use in the approaching campaign in May for retaining the constitutional provision forbidding the sale of liquor.

We regret the death of the aged mother of Mr. Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children, which took place recently at her home in Maxton. Mrs. Johnson was 84 years old.

Senator Overman has secured a weather Station for Blowing Rock, and to us its going to be the most interesting weather station anywhere.

Diaz will step down from his office of president of the republic of Mexico June 1st, and Senor De La Barra will become president.

The Wadesboro Messenger says that a hail storm there recently damaged some crops so badly that they will have to be replanted.

In a fire which destroyed Mr. P. M. Brown's barn on his farm near Charlotte, seven cows and a horse were consumed.

The first car load of melons was shipped last Thursday from Candler, Florida, to New York.

Now is the time to get rid of your rheumatism, Chamberlain's Liniment is wonderfully effective. One application will convince you of its merits. Try it. For sale by all druggists.

Charlotte Streets a Couch of Peace.

Early yesterday morning the officers received a call to harness the pawing steeds which carry the city patrol in their wake, and betake themselves to the corner of Alexander and Boundary, where they would find a gentleman much the worse for intoxication. Upon the arrival of the officers an unknown man was discovered calmly and peacefully asleep in the exact center of the street. This had been no hasty affair, without attention to the necessary details of the toilet, for the stranger's coat was hung in the neatest manner imaginable upon a neighboring fence, his shoes were near at hand, arranged with mathematical precision, while a handkerchief formed the pillow for this disciple of Morpheus. The unknown had evidently enjoyed a lengthy and much-needed rest, for he was perfectly sober when awakened and did not seem to think that the affair was anything out of the ordinary trend of human events. —Charlotte Observer.

Rev. Dr. R. A. Yoder, pastor of the Lutheran church in Lincolnton died very suddenly last Tuesday morning while watering his flowers. He was one of the most prominent Lutheran ministers in the south. He was 58 years old, and most of his life had been spent in Catawba Co.

The Reidsville Review will send twenty young ladies from Rockingham, Caswell, Alamance, Guilford, Forsyth and Stokes counties, N. C. and Pittsylvania and Henry counties Va. in automobiles to Piedmont Springs for a two weeks outing. The paper defrays all expenses of the party. A voting contest will determine who the fortunate young ladies are to be.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Halls Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Halls Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHERRY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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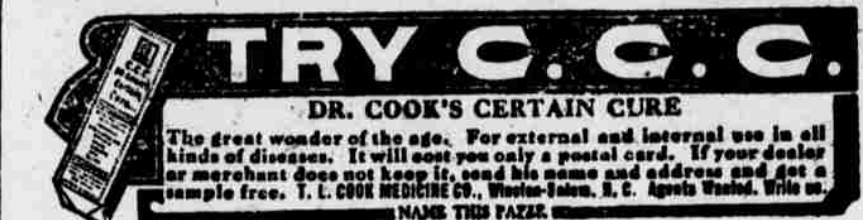
In Union Kansas, five daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Roach were burned to death in their home. They were asleep up stairs when their mother, by accident, filled a lamp with gasoline and applied a match, preparatory to going to the room occupied by the girls. An explosion followed, and the flames were communicated to a two-gallon can of gasoline and this sent a volume of flames up the stairway. The five girls ranged in age from seven to sixteen years. They were buried in one grave.

The graduating class at the recent commencement at Wake Forest College numbered 61.

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Boone, N. C., Jan. 12, 1911.

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